

Draft Agenda
Ecosystem Roundtable

March 14, 1997
9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento
Room 1131

Meeting Objective: To reach interim agreement on the Needs Assessment. To review coordination with the CVPIA process and discuss issues related to project reviews and funding allocation.

- 9:30 Introductions
- 9:45 Restoration Coordination/CVPIA and CALFED (Discussion Item)
 Tentative recommendations on CVPIA planning process - Jeff Phipps
 Opportunities to cooperate on planning process - Kate Hansel
 Coordination with SWRCB and Governor's FEAT - Gary Bobker
- 10:30 Needs Assessment - Dave Yardas, Tim Quinn, and Cindy Darling (Review and
 Concurrence Item)
 Legal issues regarding use of NFWF for administration of state funds - Rick
 Frank
 Assumptions, Tasks, and Range of Options
- 11:15 Restoration Program Planning Update - Cindy Darling (Discussion Item)
 Technical teams
 Umbrella team
- 12:00 Discussion Issues (Review and provide advice to CALFED Management Team)
 Studies vs. projects - Cindy Darling
 Flow related projects - Cindy Darling
 Education Projects
 Stakeholder involvement in project selection - Cindy Darling
 Projects of opportunity - Gary Bobker
 Roundtable role
 Criteria these projects should meet
- 12:30 Update Issues
 NFWF/CUWA Category III Agreement - Tim Quinn
 Federal funding - David Yardas, Cindy Darling
 CVPIA Calendar and Events - Jeff Phipps
- 12:45 Public Comment
- 1:00 Brown Bag Speakers

Restoration Coordination/CVPIA and CALFED - Phipps, Hansel, Bobker
Type of action- Discussion and advice.

Jeff Phipps will discuss the recommendations that the Restoration Fund Roundtable and the CVPIA staff have developed for a planning process to select projects. A draft flow chart is attached. The similarities and differences from the CALFED process will be identified as well as some suggested modifications to both planning processes to better coordinate the two programs this summer and in future years.

Needs Assessment -Yardas, Hirsch, and Darling
Type of action - Review to ensure that all tasks are identified.

The needs assessment paper has been revised based on the last meeting. It outlines assumptions, the tasks needed to implement the restoration coordination program and identifies options. The Ecosystem Roundtable will be asked to review the needs assessment to ensure that they agree with the assumptions and that all necessary tasks are identified as well as a reasonable range of options.

Legal issues regarding use of NFWF for administration of state funds - Frank
Type of action - Informational

Rick Frank will report on the legal feasibility of using NFWF as an administrative agent for a portion of the Category III funds from Prop 204.

Restoration Program Planning Update - Darling
Type of action - Update and discussion.

An overview chart of the planning process will be presented and reviewed along with upcoming steps, updated lists for the various technical teams, and dates when work products from the technical teams will be available for review. The umbrella team will be working closely with CALFED staff to take the input from the technical teams and integrate it into the work plan. The specific tasks to be asked of the umbrella team will be discussed as well as policy guidance the Roundtable would like the umbrella team to have.

The Sacramento technical team meets on March 4, 5 and 6 and the American River team meets on March 13. An update on the progress of these teams will be provided. The North Bay team meets on March 18 and the Delta and Eastside Tributaries team meets on March 31 and April 1.

Studies vs. projects: Cindy Darling
Type of action - Review and advice

Technical teams have identified a number of study recommendations. Staff recommends that studies be considered for funding when they clearly lead to the implementation of projects and programs.

Flow related projects: Cindy Darling
Type of action needed- Review and advice

Technical teams are identifying flow as an important factor to be addressed. Tools available to address flow related actions are primarily through CVPIA. There may be some actions which result in the more efficient use of existing water supplies which would not affect the amount of water available for consumptive use. The staff recommendation would be to consider funding actions of this nature from Category III.

Education projects: Cindy Darling
Type of action needed - Review and advice

Several educational projects, such as landowner education on watershed management and outreach to schools, have been identified.

Projects of opportunity - Bobker

Several stakeholders have expressed concerns regarding reserving between 5 and 10% of funds for "projects of opportunity". They would like to ensure that the Roundtable has an opportunity to provide input and advice on these types of projects. It would also be desirable to cap the amount of funds available for these projects and develop criteria to ensure that they are truly "projects of opportunity" with a compelling need to be considered immediately rather than wait until the next funding cycle.

Update Issues:

NFWF/CUWA Category III Agreement: Tim Quinn

NFWF and CUWA are negotiating an agreement to transfer some previously approved Category III projects to NFWF for administration as well as the administration of projects selected for funding from future stakeholder contributions.

Federal funding: David Yardas and (Lester/Judy)

In this packet is a copy of the briefing book used by CALFED staff on their recent trip to Washington.

Brown Bag Speakers